

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 126

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Jim Osborn upon receiving the 2011 Tennessee Medical Association Distinguished Service Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those intrepid individuals who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Osborn is one such citizen who, in fitting recognition of his unparalleled contributions to the health of Tennessee's citizens, will soon be honored with the Tennessee Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award; and

WHEREAS, nominated by the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, Dr. Osborn will accept this prestigious honor at the Tennessee Medical Association's annual meeting in Nashville on April 16, 2011; and

WHEREAS, much beloved by his colleagues and patients, Dr. Jim Osborn serves with acumen and compassion as an orthopedic surgeon, faithfully ministering to the medical needs of thousands of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, after losing their infant son, Hatch, to a rare form of pediatric cancer, Dr. Osborn and his wife, Amy Jo, turned their personal tragedy into triumph, founding the Austin Hatcher Foundation in 2006 as a tribute to their son's memory; and

WHEREAS, with a mission to erase the effects of pediatric cancer and optimize each child's quality of life from diagnosis through survivorship, the Austin Hatch Foundation for Pediatric Cancer provides invaluable services to children and their families through its cancer care center, Hatch's House of Hope; and

WHEREAS, opening its doors in September of 2009, Hatch's House of Hope is a landmark pediatric care center that graciously provides cancer patients and their families with the tools necessary to not only cope with this devastating disease but also to thrive in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, located in Erlanger Medical Mall in Chattanooga, Hatch's House of Hope has provided more than 500 hours of free, comprehensive medical services to children with pediatric cancer, including family counseling, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, equine therapy, music therapy, art therapy, academic coaching, cognitive assessment, social skills training, cognitive skills remediation, financial counseling, and diversionary therapy events for family enrichment; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Osborn is an extraordinary surgeon and human being who has selflessly given of himself to ensure that Tennessee's youngest citizens receive the highest quality healthcare, and he should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Jim Osborn upon receiving the Tennessee Medical Association's Distinguished Service Award, thank him for the many years of service he has devoted to the healthcare field, and offer our best wishes for his continued success and happiness in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.